

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Bill Senate File 574

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Committee**

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Executive Summary Only

An Act relating to statewide greenhouse gas emissions.

**Fiscal Services Division
Legislative Services Agency**

NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS

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GREENHOUSE GAS REGISTRY

- Requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to establish a voluntary greenhouse gas registry system with the purpose of cooperating with other states to reduce the overall generation of greenhouse gasses.

IOWA CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Creates an Iowa Climate Change Advisory Council and specifies the membership. Includes four non-voting members from the General Assembly and specifies the Governor will appoint the Chairperson.
- Requires the Council to develop scenarios to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Requires the DNR to provide staff to assist the Council.

REQUIRED REPORTS

- Requires the DNR to submit an annual report by September 1 of each year to the Governor and the General Assembly detailing greenhouse gas emissions in the State during the previous year and the forecast trends for the future. The first report must be submitted by September 1, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT

- The Bill appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the DNR to implement this Bill and specifies any unexpended funds will not revert to the General Fund.
- The DNR estimates implementation costs will include:
 - \$76,000 and 1.0 FTE position for an Environmental Specialist Senior.
 - \$6,000 for administrative support.
 - \$5,000 for supplies.
 - \$13,000 for lodging, meals, travel and related expenditures for four Council meetings.